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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiro TANAKA

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EXAMINER: Jose R. Diaz

FOR: ELECTRODE CONTACT SECTION OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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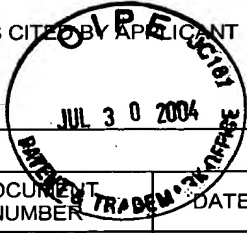
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